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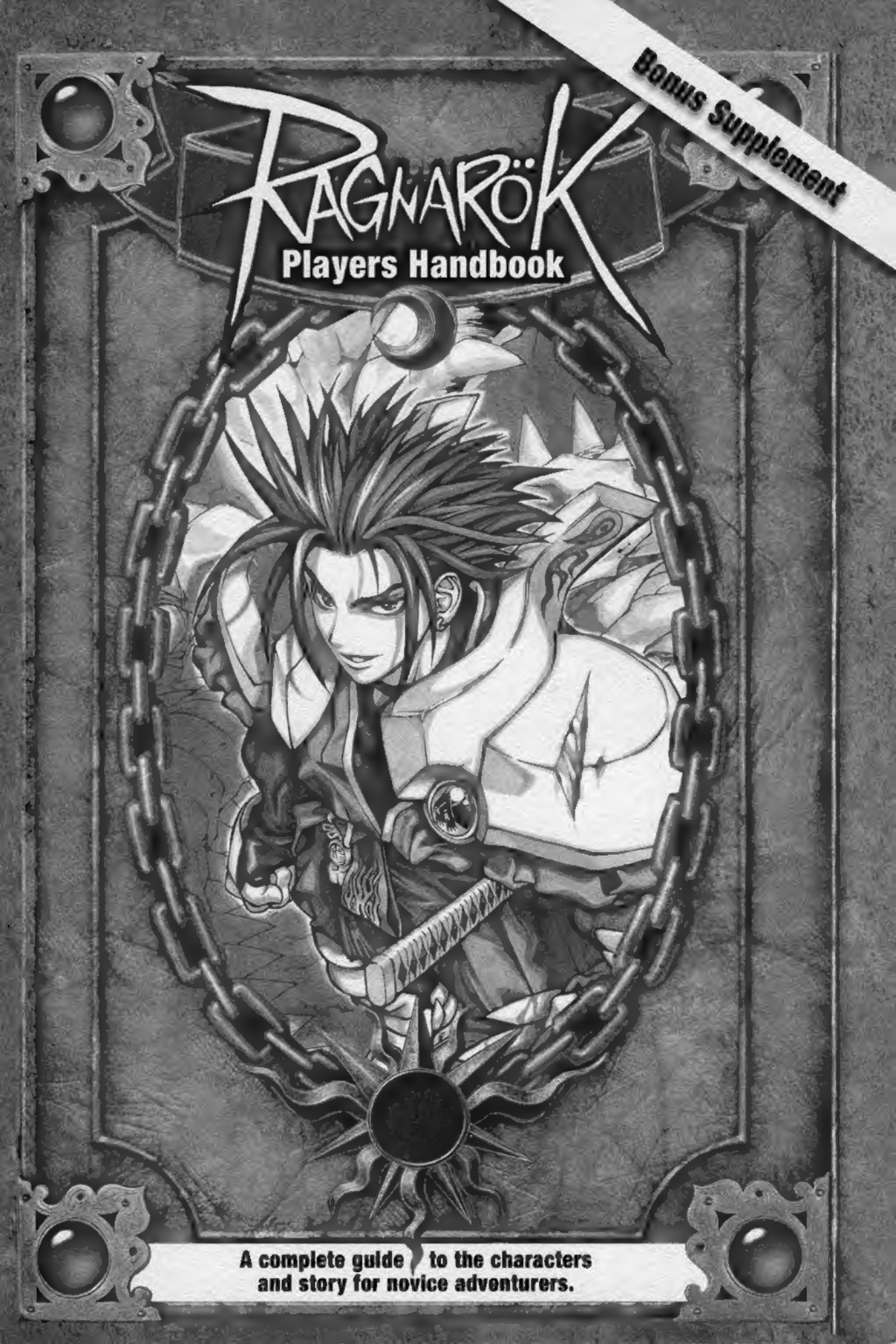
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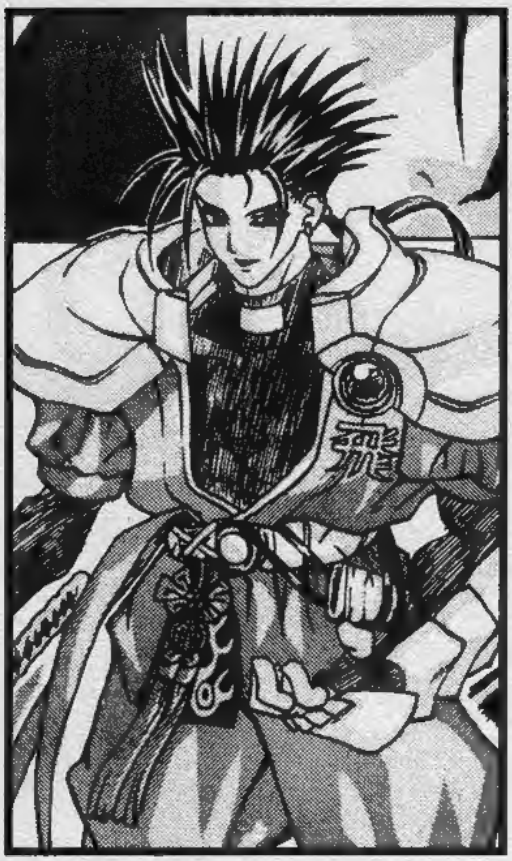

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NAME: Chaos
Class: Rune Knight
Level: 8
Alignment: Chaotic Good
STR: 17
DEX: 10
INT: 12
WIS: 14
CHR: 16

Equipment:
Vision- Enchanted sword- STR +2

Rune Armor- AC -4, 20% bonus saving throw vs. magical attacks

Notes:
A warrior with a forgotten past, Chaos now lives in Fayon where he helps train Iris Irine.

NAME: Iris Irine
Class: Cleric
Level: 4
Alignment: Lawful Good
STR: 7
DEX: 12
INT: 13
WIS: 16
CHR: 16

Equipment:
Chernryongdo- Enchanted dagger- STR +1, DEX +1, 1D4 damage if anyone but her touches it.

Irene Family Armor- AC -5, WIS +1

Notes:
The heir to city of Fayon and the powers of the Four Constellations, she is currently training with Chaos to become a great leader like her father.

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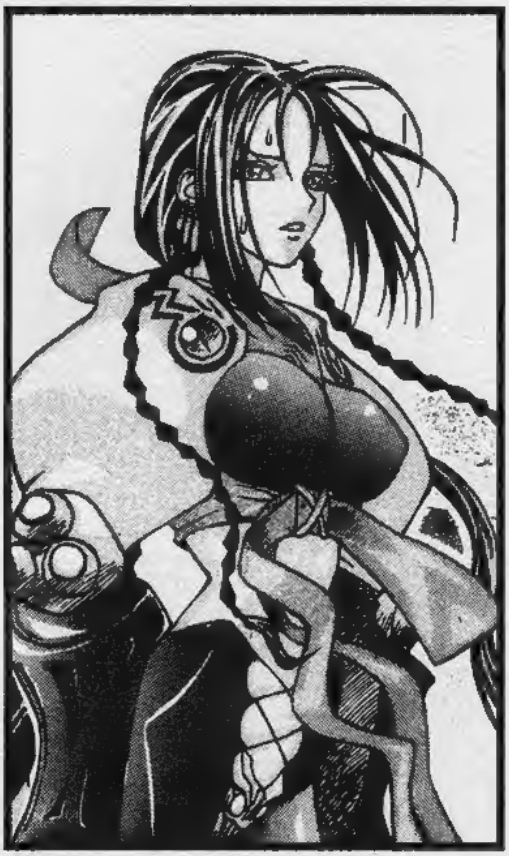


NAME: Fenris Fenrir
Class: Warlock
Level: 9
Alignment: Neutral Good
STR: 14
DEX: 15
INT: 16
WIS: 12
CHR: 14

Equipment:
Psychic Medallion: Magic compass which leads its bearer to whatever their heart most desires.

Laevatein, Rod of Destruction- STR+1, extends to staff on command.

Notes:
The reincarnation of the Wolf God, Fenris searches the land for Balder so that they can prevent gods and demons from taking control of Midgard.

NAME: Lidia
Class: Thief
Level: 3
Alignment: Neutral Good
STR: 8
DEX: 15
INT: 13
WIS: 10
CHR: 15

Equipment:
Treasure Hunter's Bible: 50% chance of identifying magical items

Follower: Sessy, Cat o' Two Tails: +50% saving throw to pick pockets

Notes:
An "expert treasure hunter" by trade, Lidia "borrows" whatever she can get her hands on while she looks for bigger hauls.

ENEMIES

NAME: Sara Irine
Class: Valkyrie
Level: 7
Alignment: Chaotic Neutral
STR: 14
DEX: 12
INT: 14
WIS: 15
CHR: 17

Equipment:
Haeryongdo, Sword of Retribution- STR+2

Enchanted Parchments x 24

Notes:
One of the 12 Valkyries of Valhalla, Sara Irine was sent to prevent Fenris from completing her quest. She also seeks revenge on the city of her birth that abandoned her.

NAME: Skurai
Class: Cursed Prosecutor
Level: 12
Alignment: Chaotic Evil
STR: 17
DEX: 16
INT: 15
WIS: 8
CHR: 12

Equipment:
Talatusu- Cursed sword- STR+2, HP +12- cannot be discarded unless it tastes the blood it is looking for.

Notes:
Skurai follows the will of his sword, Talatsu, who seeks the one blood that will quench his thirst. He has an enormous bounty on his head.

NPCS

Muninn and Huginn

Odin's Beholders, these messengers can take the form of crows. They seem to be manipulating events, but to what end remains a mystery.

Lord Irine

Leader of the City of Fayon, Lord Irine protects his people with compassion and strength. He has a huge soft spot for his dauther, Iris.

The story so far...

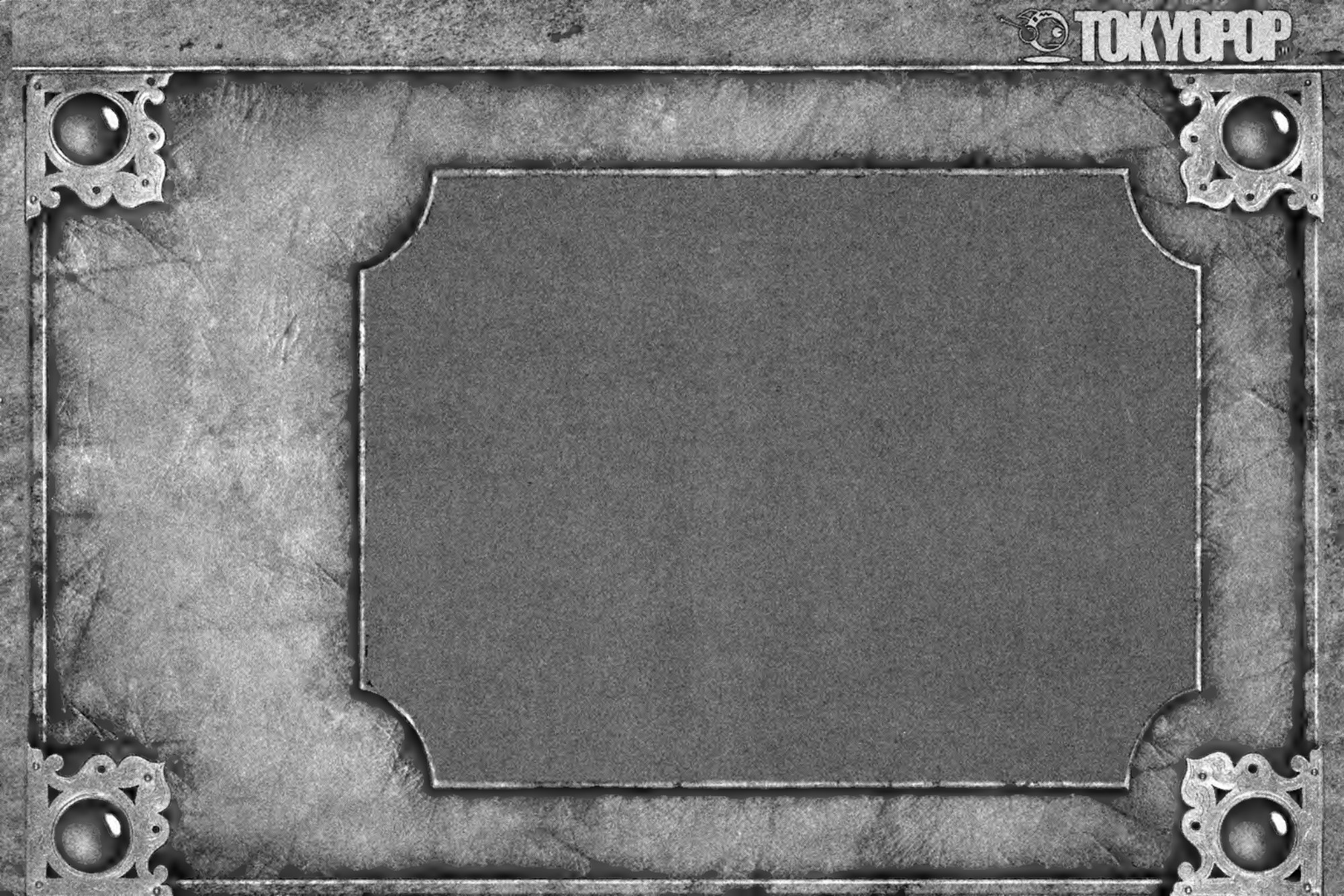
Welcome, dear reader, to this, the second chapter of Ragnarok. For those of you new to the series, or for anyone who needs a refresher, this should get you up to date before you begin your adventure...

The Winds of Fate have begun to blow once more in the realm of Midgard. Fenris Fenrir knows that Ragnarok is coming, and she searches the land for the Reincarnation of Balder, so that together they might change the world. She found his temple in ruins, but with the help of a magical medallion, she tracked him to the city of Fayon.

But even as Fenris searched for Balder, she was being tracked by Sara Irine, one of the twelve Valkyries of Valhalla, sent by the goddess Freya to destroy her. Fenris narrowly escaped from Sara once, but the Valkyrie is close behind.

Meanwhile, in the forests outside of Alberta, Chaos, a rune knight with a forgotten past, and Iris Irene, the heir to Fayon, have been battling fearsome face worms. Now they return to Fayon for Iris's 18'th birthday celebration. In their journeys they were joined by an unwanted companion, Lidia, a self-styled treasure hunter who can't keep her hands out of other peoples' purses.

One other warrior converges on Fayon, Skurai, a swordsman cursed with an insatiable thirst for blood. All these heroes path will cross in *Ragnarok Volume 2: Day of Reckoning.*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KA THUNK
PERFECT!

WHEW! FINISHED AT LAST!
IT'S GOOD TO GET OUT OF THAT TRAINING GEAR AND INTO REGULAR CLOTHES AGAIN.
I DON'T CARE HOW MANY GENERATIONS THESE'VE BEEN PASSED DOWN; THEY'RE STILL TOO HEAVY AND CUMBERSOME, NOT TO MENTION IMPOSSIBLE TO ORGANIZE.
crash
KRAK

WAAA! I GIVE UP! THIS IS DRIVING ME MAD!!
OH NO
POOOH!
I JUST WANNA GET OUT OF HERE AND FIND CHAOS
EEK!!
POP
ARGH! I CAN'T STAND IT!!
BAM
BAM
BAM
ACK!!
THUNK!

I SHOULD BE ASHAMED! IT'S NOT LIKE I'M THE FIRST TO GO THROUGH ALL THIS TRAINING!
sigh
EVERY GENERATION OF THE FAMILY HAD TO, EVEN - EVEN MY MOTHER!
MOM AT 17...
Did she have doubts, too?

MAYBE... MAYBE THAT'S WHY SHE PUSHES ME SO HARD.
MAYBE SHE'S TRYING TO HELP ME.

I NEED TO THINK ABOUT THIS...BUT FIRST I BETTER CLEAN UP.
GREETINGS, LORD IRINE.

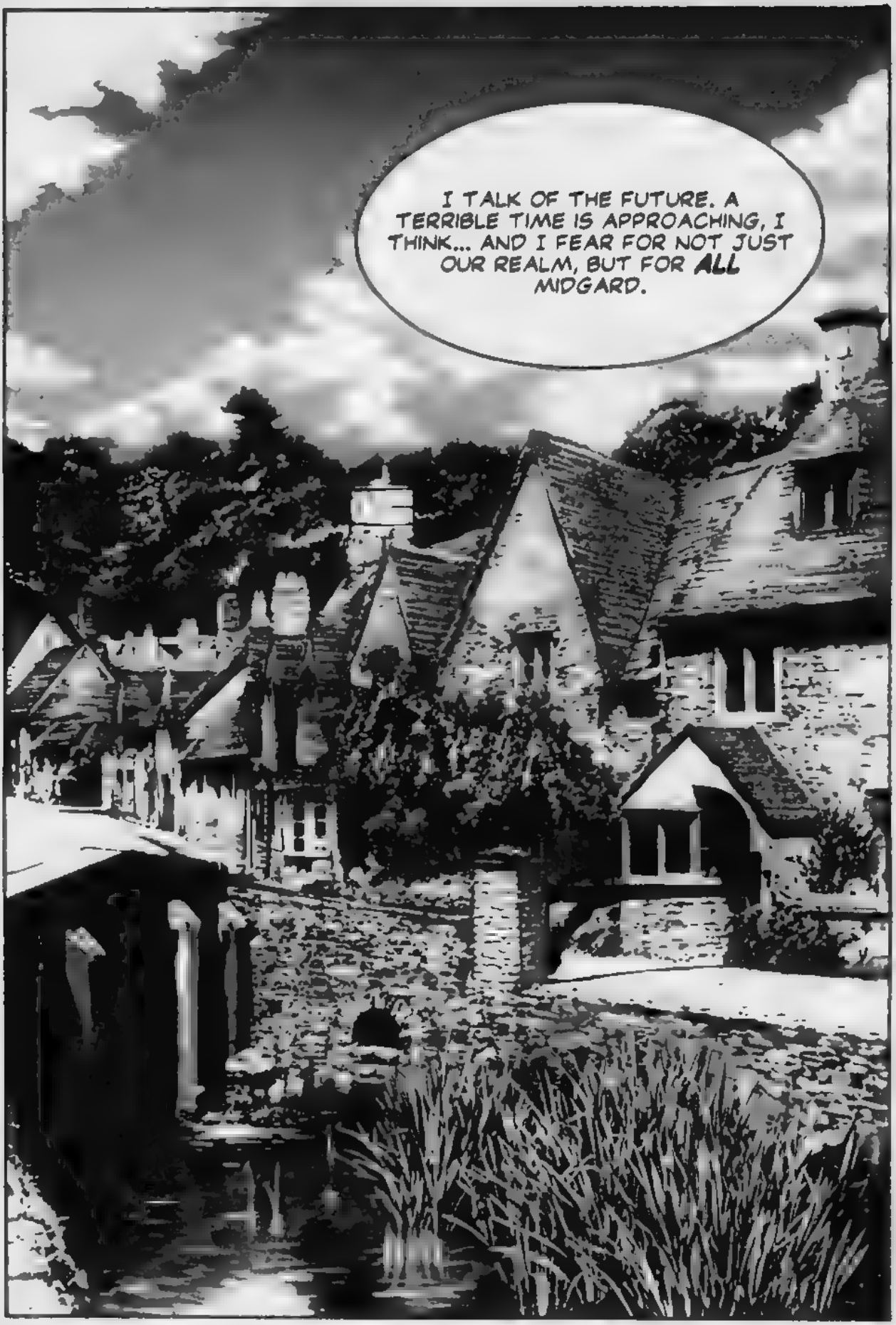
HUH? DADDY? DADDY'S HERE?
PEEP
WHAT?
6
THE TRIBUNAL OF ELDERS! WHAT COULD THEY WANT WITH MY FATHER?
GASP!
SHUFFLE
AH, ELDERS! WHAT BRINGS ME THE PLEASURE OF YOUR COMPANY?!
IS NOT THE MORROW THE LADY IRIS'S 18TH BIRTH-DAY?

BUT MY DAUGHTER STILL HAS NOT RECEIVED THE BLESSINGS OF THE FOUR CONSTELLATIONS. SHE CANNOT BE FORMALLY RECOGNIZED AS HEIR WITHOUT THEM. BESIDES, HER TRAINING--
PARDON, MY LORD, BUT WE ALL KNOW THE BLESSINGS ARE ONLY RITUAL.
THE CONSTELLATIONS LOOK OVER US IN NAME ONLY NOW.
YOU OF ALL PEOPLE SHOULD KNOW WHY...
...THEY NO LONGER LOOK DOWN AT US WITH FAVOR.
THINK BACK, MY LORD. 12 YEARS AGO. THAT NIGHT. THE "INCIDENT" AND THE CHILD WHO ESCAPED...

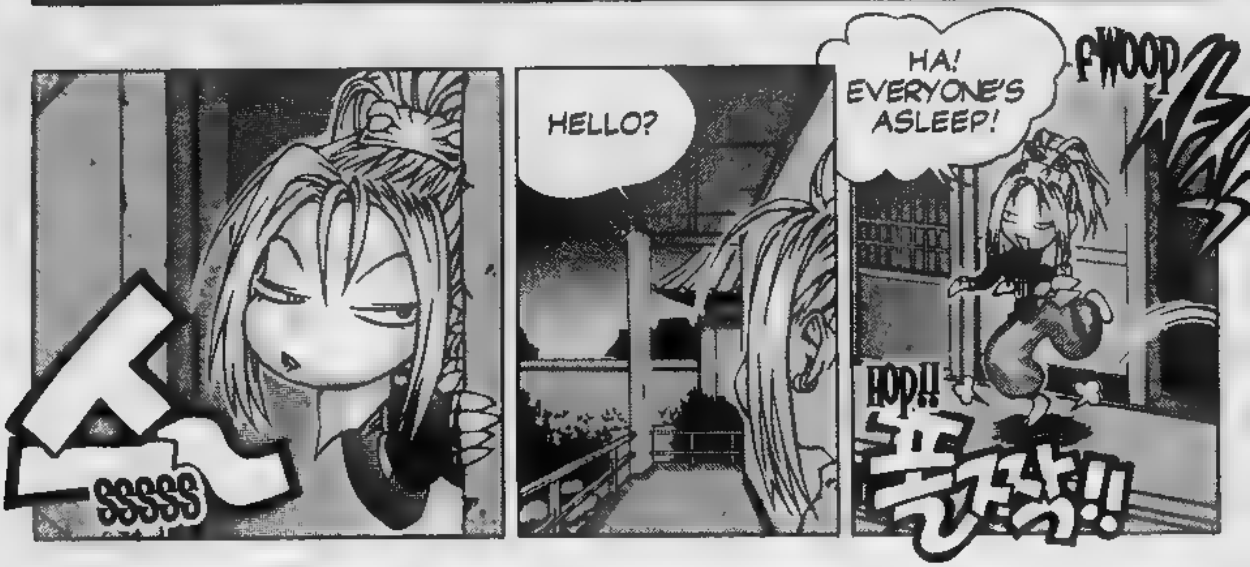
WHAT'RE THEY TALKING ABOUT? WHAT HAPPENED 12 YEARS AGO? WHAT CHILD?
WE HAVE AGREED THAT LADY IRIS BE ACKNOWLEDGED AS HEIR, DO HER DUTY AND RETRIEVE FOR US THE LOST POWER OF THE FOUR CONSTELLATIONS.
WE ARE GROWING TOO OLD, MY LORD, AND OUR OWN MAGIC IS FADING FAST. YOUR DAUGHTER MUST BE READY NOW!
HOW DARE THEY SPEAK TO MY FATHER SO?
HMPH
AND HOW CAN THEY EXPECT SO MUCH OF ME? I'M NOT READY FOR ALL THAT!
SHE IS THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN FACE THAT 'CHILD'! THEY BOTH HAVE THE ABILITY TO SUMMON THE POWER! THE OMENS FORETOLD THIS!

SOMEONE ELSE CAN CALL UPON THE CONSTELLATIONS?! BUT...THEY'D HAVE TO HAVE THE SAME BLOODLINE--
WHAT?!
Gasp!
IT WOULD SEEM THAT THE SINS OF 12 YEARS AGO DEMAND PAYMENT AFTER ALL.
HMM...I WONDER IF THEY PLANNED ALL THIS?
PLANNED THIS? WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
What?!

IT COULD BE THAT THE CONSTELLATIONS INTENDED THIS-- INTENDED OUR LOSS, BECAUSE WE WERE NO LONGER WORTHY, EVEN THEN.
PERHAPS THEY DECIDED THAT THE CHILD WAS.
NEVER!
LORD IRINE!! HOW DARE YOU SAY THAT!!
WHAT YOU SPEAK IS HERESY!!


I TALK OF THE FUTURE. A TERRIBLE TIME IS APPROACHING, I THINK... AND I FEAR FOR NOT JUST OUR REALM, BUT FOR ALL MIDGARD.

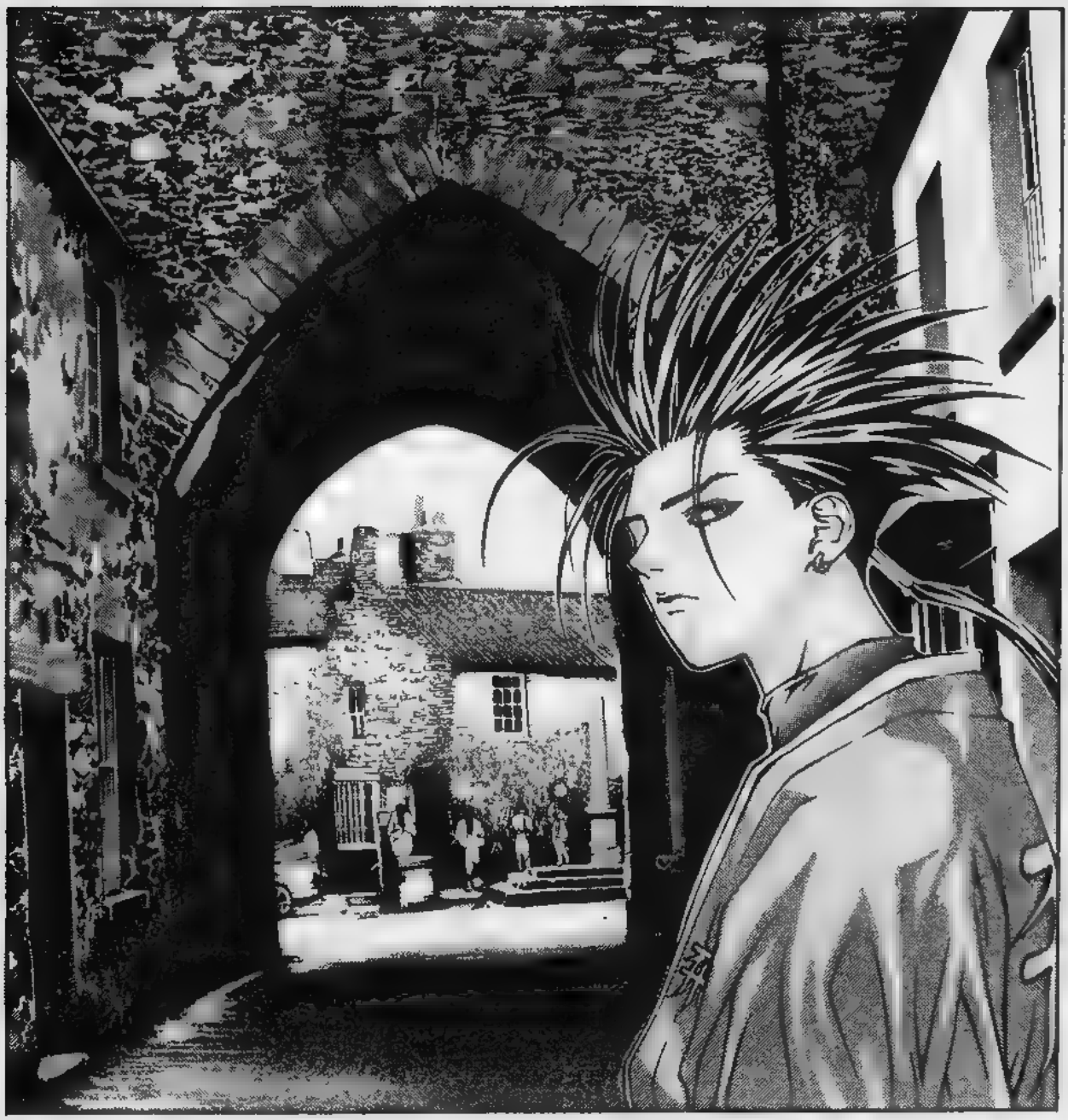
RIDICULOUS!! WE LEAVE NOW, BUT WE WILL BE BACK, LORD IRINE!

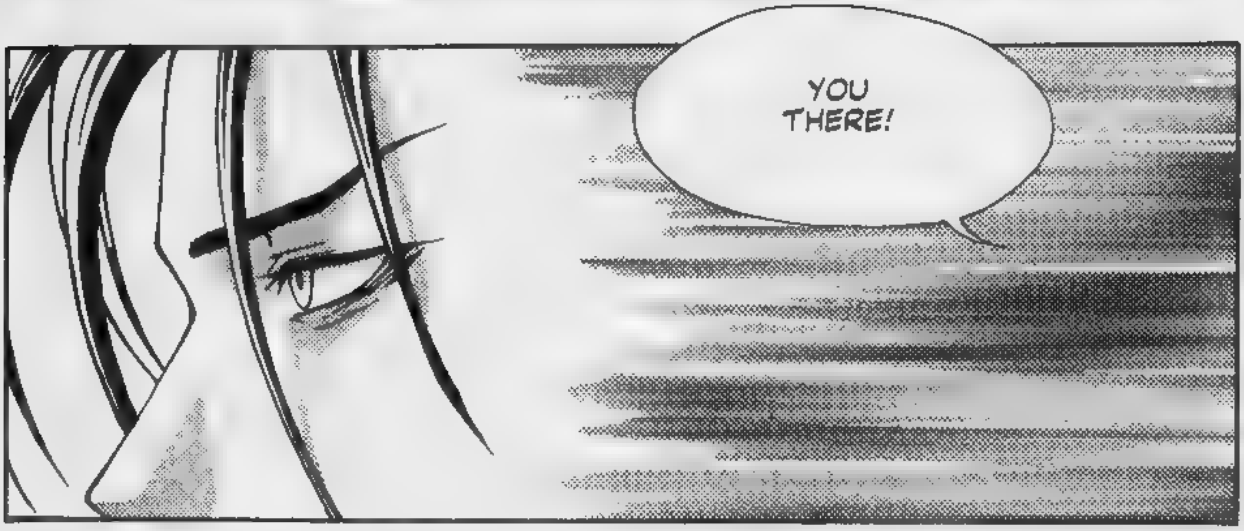

SSSSS
HELLO?
HA! EVERYONE'S ASLEEP!
FWOOP
HOP!!

HEHE! ACCORDING TO DAD'S BOOK, THESE PEOPLE CONTROL TWO OTHER SWORDS BESIDES THE BLUE DRAGON SWORD: THE HAERYONGDO AND THE SHINRYONGDO...
IF I CAN FIND THEM, I'LL BE RICH!!

HAVE YOU COME LOOKING FOR THE HAERYONGDO AND THE SHINRYONGDO?
YES, I HAVE! YOU KNOW WHERE IT IS?!
AACK!! I MEAN-- I MEAN--!!
HEHE ...DID I STARTLE YOU?
I'M SORRY TO TELL YOU THAT WHAT YOU SEEK IS NOT IN THE TEMPLE.

WHAT...NOT HERE...YOU MUST BE MISTAKEN.
THIS IS WHERE THEY'RE SAID TO BE HELD!
IF YOU CAN'T TRUST RUMORS AND HEARSAY WHAT CAN YOU TRUST?
THIS IS OUR SACRED TEMPLE... BUT THE DIVINE BLADES DISAPPEARED 12 YEARS AGO, THE VERY NIGHT THE BLESSINGS OF THE CONSTELLATION ALSO LEFT US.
ODDLY CALM, PEONY IRINE EXPLAINS.
ONE DAY THEY WILL RETURN ...AND BLOOD WILL FLOW.
IT'S LATE. YOU SHOULD BE IN BED.



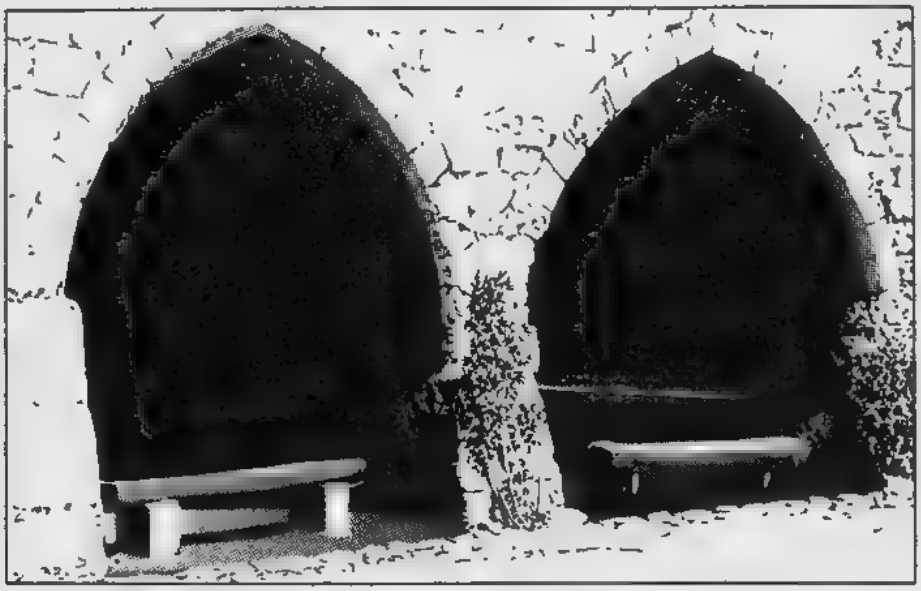

YOU
THERE!

I'M LOOKING FOR--

...?
IT HAS TO BE!! THERE ARE DIFFERENCES, BUT...
BALDER ...
I CAN FEEL IT IN MY HEART!

WH--
WHAT
ARE
YOU--

I'VE FINALLY
FOUND YOU!!



SO, LET ME GET THIS STRAIGHT. WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO SAY...FENRIS, IS IT?...IS THAT 1000 YEARS AGO I WAS A GOD NAMED BALDER. TOGETHER WE FOUGHT THE GODDESS, FREYA.
I WAS SLAIN, MY BODY AND SOUL SEPARATED...
...BUT NOW I'VE BEEN REBORN IN HUMAN FORM AND YOU'VE COME FOR ME BECAUSE FREYA IS ON THE MOVE AGAIN?
CLOSE ENOUGH! LISTEN, FIRST, WE NEED TO--
YOU MUST BE INSANE!!
I'M NO GOD - BALDER, OR OTHERWISE! MY NAME IS CHAOS!

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Day of Reckoning

Twelve years ago, a terrible act was committed in the city of Fayon. Lord Irine's eldest daughter was to be sacrificed and a new heir proclaimed. But things didn't go as planned. The child escaped and was adopted into Freya's army of Valkyries. Now the prodigal daughter has returned, and all will feel her vengeance.

Other warriors have converged upon Fayon as well. Skurai, a swordsman with a cursed blade, has come in search of the blood that will free him. Chaos, a rune knight with no memories, would like to make the town his home. Fenris Fenrir is searching for Balder, the god that will help her bring about Ragnarok. With all the pieces in place, the final battle is set to begin.

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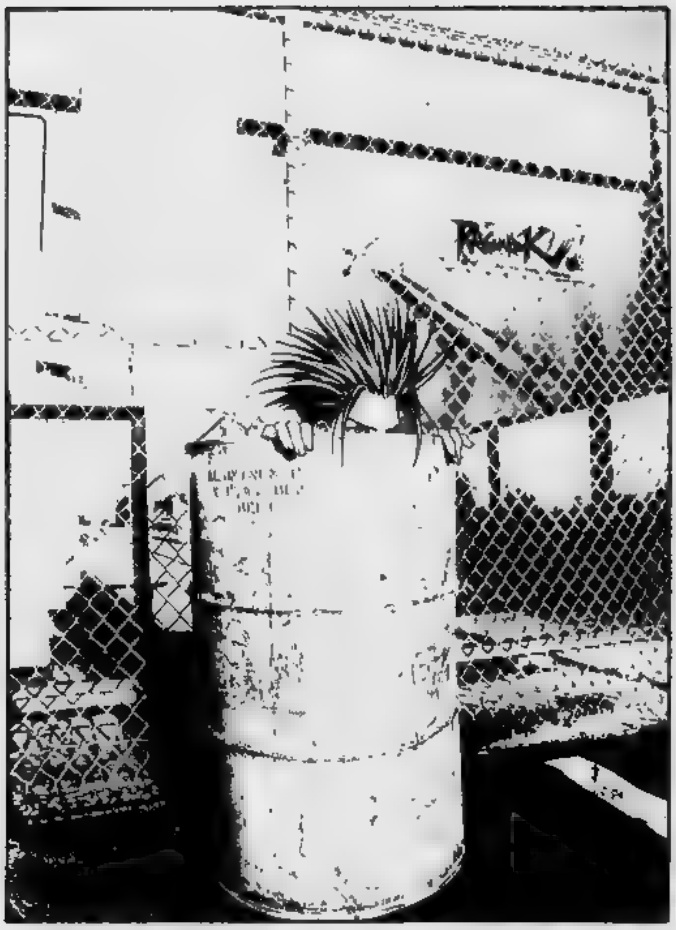

IF YOU WANT TO BE CALLED BY THAT NAME, I WILL RESPECT YOUR WISH.
BUT I KNOW YOU, BALDER.
YOU'RE MAD...
LISTEN, MILADY, I DON'T THINK YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT I'M SAYING == HERE!
I UNDERSTAND!! YOU WANT TO KEEP THE TRUTH HIDDEN.
I CAN DO THAT, 'CHAOS.' MY GOOD FRIEND, 'CHAOS.'
YOU DON'T GET ANY OF THIS!!
Aarrghh!!
ANYWAY, OUR NEXT STEP IS TO FIND YOUR TRUE FORM, RECOMBINE YOUR SOUL WITH IT AND THUS--
Stop!
I'LL TRY ONE MORE TIME. MY NAME IS CHA-OS.

I AM NOT NOR HAVE I EVER BEEN A GOD NAMED BALDER! NE-VER!
GOT IT??
I DON'T KNOW WHERE YOU HEARD THIS FAIRYTALE AND I DON'T CARE!
I'M NOT YOUR DEAD GOD, UNDERSTAND?

WELL, YOU WEREN'T TRULY DEAD, BUT AS I SAID, YOUR BODY AND SOUL HAD BEEN SEPARATED
HE REALLY DOESN'T SEEM TO KNOW! HE REALLY DOESN'T BELIEVE ME!
THEN HE WASN'T JUST PRETENDING WHEN I CAME UP TO HIM! BALDER DOESN'T KNOW WHO HE IS!!
GASP
WHAT'S WRONG?
THIS IS TERRIBLE. I NEVER FORESAW THIS...
WHAT'LL I DO?
LISTEN... CAN YOU GIVE ME ANY ACTUAL PROOF WHY YOU THINK I'M THIS GOD?
PROOF?
RIGHT! PROOF. SHOW ME UNDENIABLE EVIDENCE.

I HAVE ALL THE PROOF I NEED.
YOU DO...
I KNOW IT IN MY HEART, IN MY MIND, IN MY SOUL. EVERY PART OF ME KNOWS THAT YOU ARE BALDER!
THAT'S IT? THAT'S ALL?
Urgh
SHE'S INSANE! TOTALLY INSANE!
UHH...WELL, I HAVE THINGS TO DO. GOTTA GO!
GO AS FAR FROM YOU AS I CAN!
EEEK!!
What?!
YOU...YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME YET?
HOW CAN HE STILL DENY THE TRUTH?

WHERE ARE YOU, CHAOS? YOU PROMISED YOU'D COME FOR MY BIRTHDAY!
IRIS!! IRIS!!
WHEW! THERE YOU ARE.
NURI. SERI.
IS SOMETHING WRONG? WHY ARE YOU HERE?
WHY? TO GIVE YOU--

YOUR BIRTHDAY PRESENT!!
WHAT IS IT?
I-I'VE BEEN RAISING CHICKENS FOR A YEAR! THESE'RE THEIR VERY FIRST EGGS. I WANTED YOU TO BE THE FIRST TO HAVE SOME!!
!!pp
DHA
DHA
WHY HOW SWEET, NURI! I CAN'T WAIT TO EAT THEM!
DID YOU BRING SOMETHING, LITTLE SERI?

YES, I DID!! HERE!!
WHAT'S THIS?
KO!
I'll take it!!
challenge
CHALLENGE!!
I, SERI, DEMAND A DUEL WITH IRIS, FOR CHAOS. DON'T YOU TOUCH HIM BEFORE THEN!
HMPH!! AS IF I WOULD GIVE A BIRTHDAY PRESENT TO A RIVAL! I'LL SHOW YOU WHO DESERVES CHAOS MOST!
No!
HE?!
YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS! YOU'RE A CHILD!
I'M NO- HEY, WHERE IS CHAOS?
HE SHOULD BE HERE.
AHA!
'AHA!' WHAT?
HE'S NOT HERE BECAUSE YOU'VE LOST HIM... TO ME!
tee hee

YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS!
IRIS...
DADDY?
I NEED TO TALK TO YOU. ALONE.
Ahem.
TO YOU?
AWW...BUT WE JUST GOT HERE.
YOU TWO CAN COME WITH ME.
I MADE LOTS OF TREATS FOR IRIS'S BIRTHDAY, BUT I NEED SOME TASTERS!
Haha!
I'll be one!!!
grow!

MAN, IS IT TIME FOR LUNCH YET?
YOU'RE HUNGRY ALREADY? WE ONLY ATE BREAKFAST AN HOUR AGO.
GRRR!
HEY, YOU!
POW!!
AAAH!
WHAT'RE YOU PUNKS DOIN'! WHININ' ABOUT LUNCH WHEN YOU GOT GUARD DUTY!
GROW!
THROB
.....!
UH...HEH HEH...
KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN. LADY IRIS'S PARTY IS GOIN' OFF WITHOUT A HITCH OR IT'S ON YOU TWO.
YES, SIR!!
KABOOM!!
ZZZAG
ZZZAG
SCRAPE
CRACK

Beam
Beam
Beam
WHAT THE HEL?!
WH-WHAT'S THAT?!
SCREEE
THERE'RE RUNE CARDS FALLING FROM EVERY DIRECTION!
DUCK!!

THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING! NOTHIN' CAN BREAK THE TRIBUNAL'S MAGIC SHIELD!
SOMETHING'S COMING THROUGH!!
IT'S A PORTAL! A HUGE PORTAL!
SET
SET
SOUND THE ALARM! WE'RE UNDER ATTACK!

FROST GIANTS! FROM JOTUNHEIM! BUT THEY'S ALL SUPPOSED TO BE DEAD! BEEN A THOUSAND YEARS SINCE DEY BEEN SEEN!
Narf!
SWOOSH
THUMP!!
ACCK! THE- THE GROUND!!
BAM
BAM
BAM
BZZZZ

RRRAARGH!
WHAM
SMOOTH
SSSST!!
TZAP!
INCOMING!

BRRRR
BOOOMMMMM
HOLD YOUR GROUND! WE'S THE ONLY THING BETWEEN 'DEM AND FAYON!
RAK'IM!! YOU GOTTA WARN LORD IRINE!!
YES, SIR!!
HURT!!
SQUADS 1, 2 AND 3 TO DA LEFT! SQUAD 4--!!
YOU WASTE YOUR TIME, MATTHEW.
HA HA

YOU STRUGGLE IN VAIN! NO MATTER HOW MANY THERE ARE OF YOU, THE END WILL BE THE SAME!
YOU MIGHT AS WELL ACCEPT YOUR FATE.
FWOOSHH
YOU ARE NOTHING MORE THAN ANTS BENEATH MY FEET TO BE SQUASHED...
A FATE YOU JUSTLY DESERVE!

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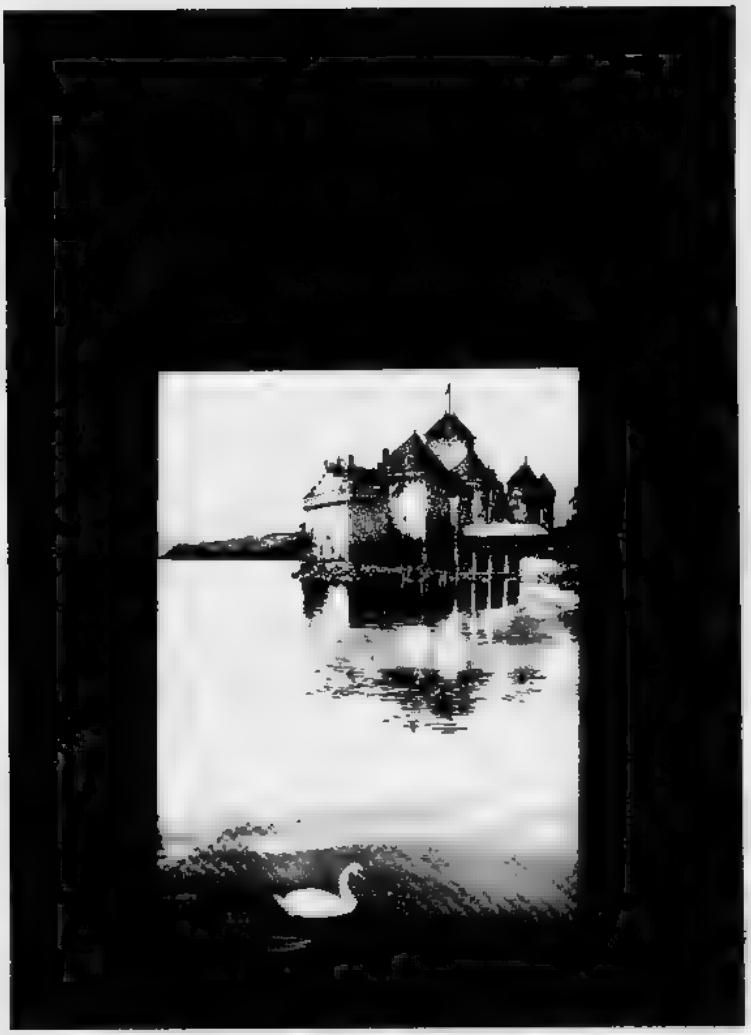

DADDY
...

...WHAT IS IT? WHY DID YOU BRING ME HERE?
ATOP A CLIFF AND SURROUNDED BY DEEP RAVINES, IRIS'S HOME IS A NATURAL FORTRESS, THE ONLY ENTRANCE THE HIGH BRIDGE.
MATTHEW AND HIS MEN
ENTRANCE TO FAYON
PLEASE. WHAT'S SO URGENT?

THIS- THIS ISN'T EASY FOR ME.
slide
DOES THIS HAVE TO DO WITH THE VISIT BY--
IRIS. YOU HAVE AN OLDER SISTER.
HUH? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
I'M SORRY THAT YOU COULDN'T KNOW UNTIL NOW, IRIS, BUT IT'S THE TRUTH.
YOU DON'T REMEMBER HER BECAUSE THE ELDERS PUT A SPELL ON YOU.
SHE'S 4 YEARS OLDER THAN YOU AND DIS-APPEARED EXACTLY 12 YEARS AGO.

GASP!
PLEASE LET ME EXPLAIN.
12 YEARS AGO...THE TRIBUNAL AND I...WE MADE A TERRIBLE CHOICE...
YOU MAY BE MEETING HER SOON.
WHY... WHY ARE YOU TELLING ME THIS NOW, DADDY?
BOOOOM!
WHAT WE DID TO YOUR SISTER ...

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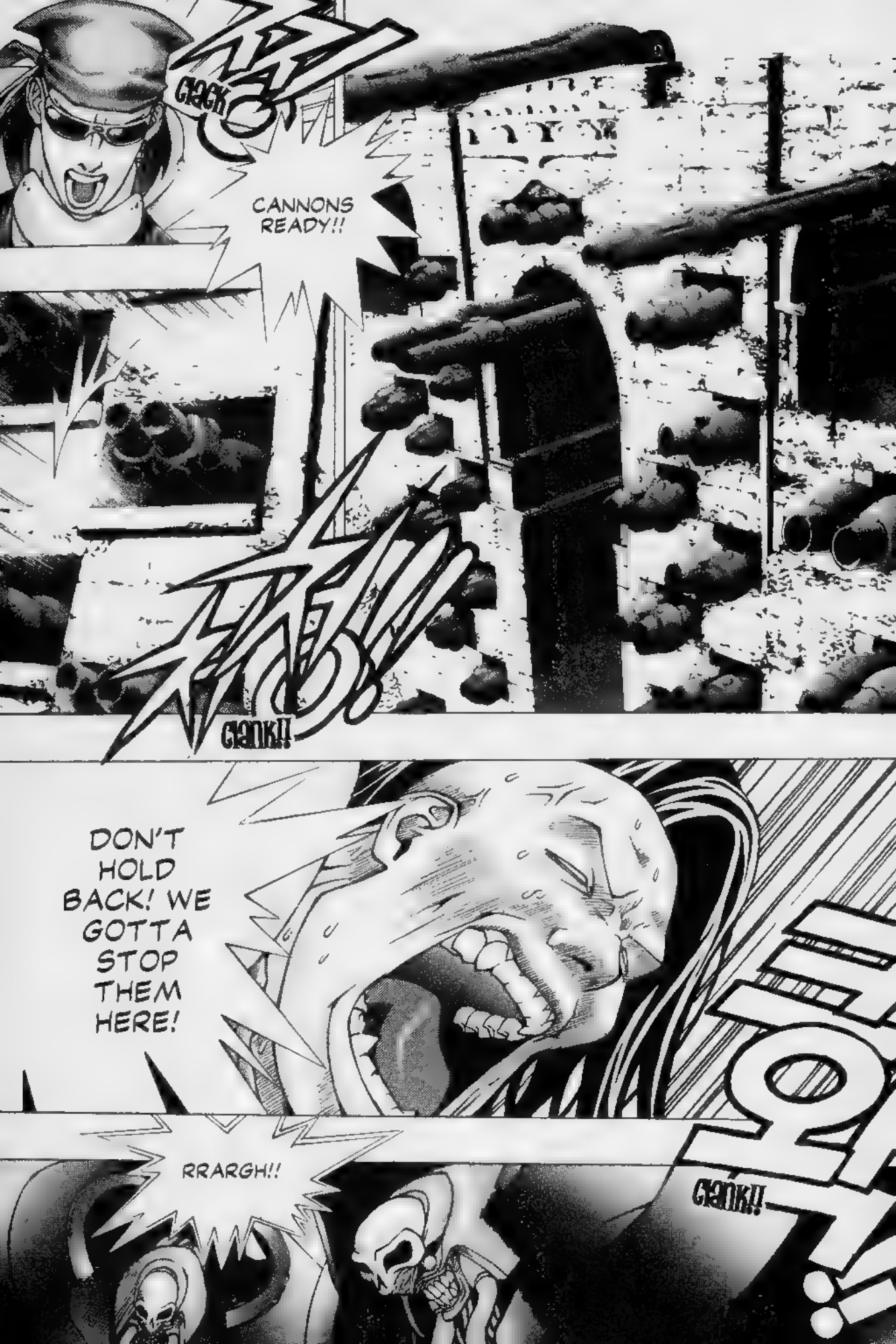
m
WHAT'S THAT?
BOOM!
EXPLOSIONS...? IT'S COMING FROM THE BRIDGE!

IT CAN'T BE...BUT IT MUST BE! I CAN SENSE HER!
IT'S THE VALKYRIE! SHE'S FOUND US ALREADY! WE'VE GOT TO RUN!
.....!!
CHAOS, NO!!
I DON'T RUN, FENRIS...
SHE'S HERE...
WE'VE MUST GET TO THE GATES! I'LL HAVE TO CAST A FLIGHT SPELL!
A WHAT?

WOOSH
WOOSH
IRIS...WHATEVER BEFALLS ME, PLEASE...DON'T HATE YOUR SISTER...
I STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND! WHAT HAPPENED 12 YEARS--
JUST PROMISE ME!!
O-OKAY ...
SWISH

SWOOSH
TAP
!!
IT CAN'T BE! YOU CAN'T BE HERE!! YOU'RE DEAD!!
CHING

SLAY THEM ALL.
HAHAHA
FWOOMPH
OPEN ALL GUN PORTS! READY THE CANNONS!
HURRY, DAMMIT!!


CLACK
CANNONS READY!!
CRANK!!
DON'T HOLD BACK! WE GOTTA STOP THEM HERE!
RRARGH!!
CRANK!!
!!

NOW! FIRE! DESTROY'EM ALL!
POW
POW
POW
POW
POW

Beam!!
Ka BOOM
Whish
WE HIT'EM WITH EVERYTHING WE HAD.
BIG, BAD GIANTS!! NOT SO TOUGH AFTER A FEW DOZEN HOLES IN YA, EH?
Ha ha ha!
SHUT UP YOU IDIOT
HOOHOOH OO! DID YOU SEE THOSE GIANTS WHEN THE GUNS HIT'EM?
YEAH! SOME THREAT THEY WERE!

NOTHING SHOULDA SURVIVED THAT BARRAGE
BUT SHE WAS WITH'EM. AND WITH HER POWER...
HA! THAT'LL TEACH'EM TO TRY TAKIN' US ON!
GET DOWN!
SWOOMPH
SWOOMPH

EAAAHHHK!
BIK'O!!
RRAUGH!
IT CAN'T BE! WE HIT'EM! WE HIT'EM FULL ON!

THEY AIN'T EVEN SCRATCHED!
GRRRR
THEY KILLED BIK'O...
YOU BASTARDS!!
?!!
GRRR
I'LL MAKE YOU PAY!!!

K-POW!
SWOOSH
ARRRGH!!
AHH...!!
SPLAT
THUMP!!
BRAUGH!

N-NO!
DDDDD
Iraugh!
NOTHING CAN STOP THEM! THE CANNONS, OUR WEAPONS, NOTHING!
WE'RE ALL GONNA DIE!! DIE!!
AND FROM THE SKY, SARA IRINE WATCHES AND SMILES.

BEG... BEG FOR MERCY... BUT IT WON'T DO ANY GOOD.
JUSTICE HAS FINALLY COME TO FAYON...
AND THE SENTENCE IS DEATH!!!

AIEEE!!
NO MORE!!
KABOOM!!

TZZZG
A LITTLE OUT OF PRACTICE? WOW!
HMM... NOT QUITE A CLEAN SHOT. I'M A LITTLE OUT OF PRACTICE...

MY APOLOGIES FOR BEING LATE, MY FRIENDS.
LORD IRINE!! FORGIVE ME! I FAILED...
ONE BLOW HE TOOK HIM ONE BLOW!
THE FAULT ISN'T YOURS, MATTHEW. THIS IS TOO GREAT A FOE.
WHO--?

AGAINST THE GIANTS, NO ONE COULD HAVE DONE MORE.
NOW, THOUGH, IT'S TIME TO TAKE THE BATTLE BACK TO THEM!
YAY!
YES, SIR!!
HE DESTROYED THE GIANT IN ONE SHOT...!
YOU'VE FINALLY COME BACK.
SARA.....IRINE.
SWISSHH
ONLY ONE PERSON IN FAYON COULD HAVE SUCH POWER.

THE LORD OF THE REALM!
THE MURDERER!!
GET THE INJURED TO SAFETY! CLEAR THE RUBBLE AWAY, AND MAKE READY THE CANNONS!
YES, SIR!!
MATTHEW!!
YES, LORD IRINE!!
CLICK!!
ESCORT LADY IRIS TO SAFETY! GUARD HER WELL!
I'LL GUARD HER WITH MY LIFE, LORD IRINE!

I NEED TO FACE THE VALKYRIE ALONE...
...AFTER ALL, SHE IS MY OWN DAUGHTER.
HUH?! DAUGHTER?!
THAT MONSTER? HER?
I WAS RIGHT!! IT IS HER!!
YOUR DAUGHTER?
NO... YOUR EXECU-TIONER.

YOU'VE NO IDEA HOW MUCH I'VE YEARNED FOR THIS!! NO IDEA HOW MANY TIMES I PICTURED OUR REUNION!!
DO YOU REMEMBER THAT NIGHT? DO YOU REMEMBER 12 YEARS AGO?
I RELIVE IT EVERY DAY!
THAT- THAT'S MY SISTER?
HOW COULD I FORGET YOU, MY OWN DAUGHTER?

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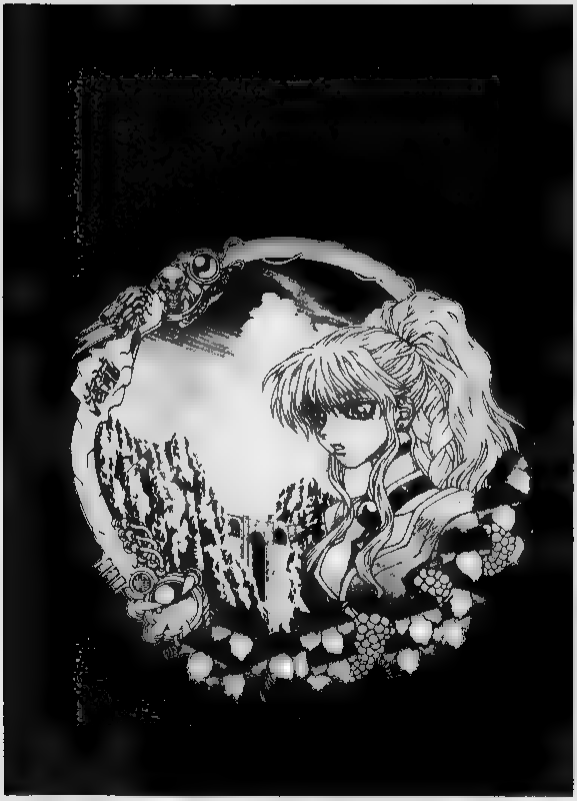

YOUR DAUGHTER IS 12 YEARS DEAD!
DEAD!!
ARGH! HOLD TIGHT, LADY IRIS!
AHH...
SHE'S SUMMONING THE WIND, AND BREAKIN' THE MAGIC SHIELD...
IS EVEN LORD IRINE GOOD ENOUGH TO BEAT HER?

HERE, FATHER! A LITTLE REUNION PRESENT FROM ME!!
THOOOM
SPIRITS OF THE ETHER! ELEMENTALS OF THE HEAVENS!
CREATE FOR ME, A SHIELD OF AIR AGAINST THIS FIERY DEATH!

WHOOSH
HOOO
BAM
SHIELD OF PAIN!!!
OK!
SCREECH!!
UNNH!!
BOOM!!

YOU CAST THAT TOO QUICKLY! YOU HAD IT PREPARED ALL THE TIME!
I ALWAYS KNEW IN MY HEART THAT YOU WOULD ONE DAY RETURN...
SARA, IT'S MY LIFE YOU SEEK. THERE IS NO REASON TO INVOLVE INNOCENTS.
INNOCENT? THERE ARE NO INNOCENTS...
MOMMY... MOMMY...
DON'T LOSE HER!!
HUFF.
HUFF.
THAT WAY!!

YOU... MUST RUN, SARA! GO!!!
THERE YOU ARE, SARA! I WAS JUST LOOKING FOR YOU.
MURDERERS!
AAAAAAHH!!
I'LL DESTROY EVERY-THING!!
SARA! NO!

AAAH!!
WHAT'S HAPPENING?
UNH.
ARE YOU OKAY?
WHAT HAPPENED?! WHERE'S DADDY?!
I DON'T KNOW. THERE WAS A BLAST JUST AS WE GOT NEAR. WHEN IT ALL CLEARED, WE FOUND ONLY YOU.

THERE'S NO TIME FOR TALK! WE'VE GOT TO GET AWAY! NONE OF US ARE STRONG ENOUGH TO TAKE ON THAT VALKYRIE!
A VALKYRIE? HER?
RIGHT! ONE OF THE 12 POWERFUL SERVANTS OF THE RESURRECTED GODDESS, FREYA!
THERE'S SOMETHING FAMILIAR...
EE HO!! geez!!
WHO ARE YOU, ANYWAY?
NO TIME! AFTER WE ESCAPE, WE CAN TALK ALL YOU WANT!
BUT CHAOS!! WHAT ABOUT THE OTHERS?!
IRIS...IT LOOKS LIKE...
WHY WON'T YOU LISTEN
I'M AFRAID YOU'D BETTER EXPECT THE WORST. THAT EXPLOSION...
HEY! SOMEONE'S COMING FROM FAYON!
HUFF HUFF HUFF

DID YOU HEAR THAT? SOMETHING'S HAPPENED BY THE BRIDGE!
...!!
YOU SHOULDN'T WORRY ABOUT IT. IT'S PROBABLY JUST A MILITARY SALUTE FOR IRIS'S BIRTHDAY.
EEEK!!
AHH...
SH-SHE'S BACK... HURRY, FLEE FROM HERE... F-FIND LADY IRIS...
SHE-SHE'LL KILL HER... SHE'LL KILL US ALL...
LORD IRINE WARNED US...

WE DID NOT LISTEN...
WE--
HEY! WHAT'RE YOU GUYS DOING HERE?
WHAT'S IN THE BAG, LIDIA?
OH, JUST SOME FOOD FOR A TRIP I'M TAKING' IRIS'S MOM WAS SO GENEROUS'
OH?! DOESN'T LOOK LIKE FOOD TO ME.
.....

YOU KNOW, NURI, MAYBE JUST FOR CAUTION'S SAKE, YOU AND SERI SHOULD GO FIND IRIS AND LORD IRINE.
HUH? BUT WHY?
JUST GO!!
I'VE SOMETHING TO ATTEND TO.
A VERY INTERESTING PLACE, EH, TALATSU? PERHAPS YOU'LL BE SATIATED AT LAST.
HAHAHA... SWEET BUT FUTILE...

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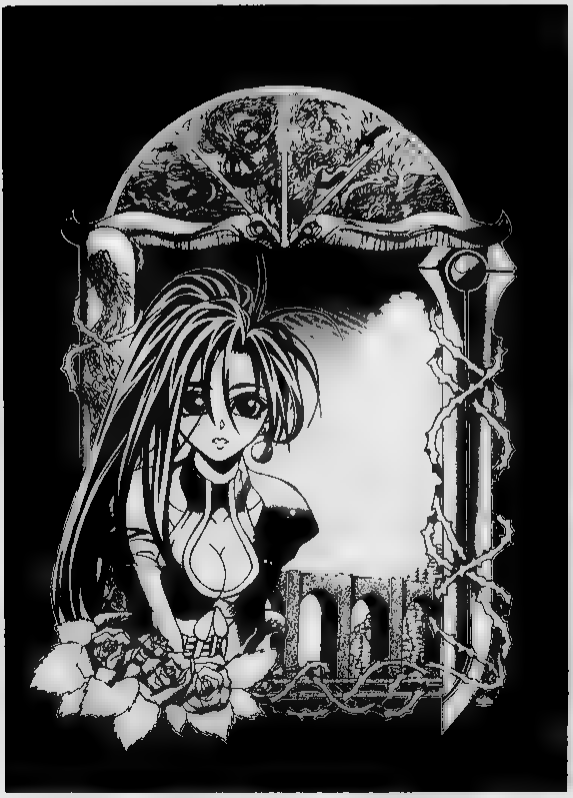

HAHAHA... IT WOULD ONLY BE A WASTE OF TIME SENDING THEM AWAY. I'LL HUNT THEM AND EVERYONE ELSE DOWN, ANYWAY.
SWOOOSH

WHEN TALATSU HUNGERS, NO ONE ESCAPES.
STAND BACK! YOU'LL NOT TAKE THESE CHILDREN!
OH, BUT I WILL. AFTER I DEAL WITH YOU, OF COURSE!
HAHAHA!
KA-BOOM

WILL YOU TWO QUIT YOUR JABBERING?
THE VALKYRIE WILL KILL US! WE'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF THIS DEATH-TRAP!
FWUMPH
BOOM
YOU SHUT UP! THIS IS MY HOME!
BAM!
MY FATHER NEEDS ME!
MY PEOPLE NEED ME!
BAM!
BAM!
I MAY BE THE ONLY ONE LEFT TO SAVE THEM!

IF YOU WANT TO GO, THEN GO!
I HAVE A DUTY TO PERFORM.
BOOM!
KOF
...!
SWEEE

DA-DADDY!!
LORD IRINE!!
GET OUT OF HERE!!

KA-POW
KA-POW
WHY WON'T YOU DIE?!
THAT'S THE VALKYRIE?
SARA IRINE!!
BOOM!!
SARA... MY SISTER!!

ALRIGHT, VALKYRIE! LET'S SEE HOW TOUGH YOU ARE...
BOOM!
TLLLING!
...AGAINST MY SWORD, VISION!!
I'VE LOST! HE WON'T LEAVE...
SO CLOSE, ONLY TO FAIL NOW.
ARE YOU CRAZY?! YOU'RE GONNA FIGHT HER?
YES!!
BUT WE'RE NOT ANIMALS.
JUST LOOK AT HER! IT'S SUICIDE!
EVEN ANIMALS KNOW WHEN TO TURN AND RUN!
Eurgh!!
TEN

NO? BUT YOU CERTAINLY LOOK LIKE LAMBS COME TO THE SLAUGHTER.
TZZG!!
TZZG!!
WHAT?!
gasp!
KYAAA!!
BLLL
UNGH, MY... BODY....!!
I CAN'T MOVE!
GRACKE
ugnh!!

NOW, WHY DON'T YOU ALL JUST WAIT FOR ME THERE.
I'LL BE BACK FOR YOU AFTER I CONCLUDE MY OTHER BUSINESS.
ARUAGH
SWISSHH
FALL BACK!!
GROWL
STOP!
CRACKLE
I WILL FINISH THE OLD MAN!

DADDY! DADDY!
HERE!!
MY! IS THIS FOR ME?
FOR YOU, DADDY!
AND HOW IS MY PRINCESS TODAY?
OVER THERE! THAT CLIFF!!
NOW, WHERE WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO?
FLOWERS FOR MOMMY AND DADDY!
Slip
MOMMY, DADDY! SEE THE FLOWERS--

YOU...MUST ...RUN, SARA! GO!!
BETRAYAL
DESPAIR
BETRAYAL AND DESPAIR. A GIRL WRITHING IN HATRED.
DEATH AND DESTRUCTION FEEDING YOUR SOUL.

BLOODSHED WILL BE YOUR ONLY LOVER!!
TZZZT
DIE--!
Beam
KA BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM

HE ONLY DEFENDS HIMSELF! HE DOESN'T ATTACK! WHY?
FIGHT ME, DAMMIT!
POW
Pa
POW
THOOOM
HMPH...SHE'S LOSING CONTROL. VENGEANCE IS RUINING HER CONCENTRATION.
WITH THE POWER AT HER COMMAND, FAYON SHOULD HAVE BEEN LYING IN RUINS BY NOW.
STILL, LOSING CONTROL MAY BE A BENEFIT TO US.

IT MAY KEEP HER FROM REALIZING THE TRUTH UNTIL IT IS TOO LATE.
HUFF HUFF
WE'VE ALMOST MADE IT, SERI!
LOOK! THERE'RE MASTER CHAOS AND IRIS!!
BUT WHAT'S--
AAAH! THERE YOU ARE, LITTLE ONES! I HOPE I HAVEN'T KEPT YOU WAITING.

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TALATSU BID ME TO FIND YOU QUICKLY.
THE WOMAN ONLY SERVED TO WHET HIS APPETITE, YOU SEE.
HAHA!
DON'T BE AFRAID. TALATSU LOVES CHILDREN. HE LOVES YOUR YOUTH, YOUR ENERGY...

...AND YOUR BLOOD!!
SWOOSH
A WIELDER OF GREAT POWER! GREAT MAGIC!
WAIT, SKURAI! DO YOU SMELL IT?
sniff
sniff
BAM!!
I CAN TASTE THE POWER! I WANT IT! I MUST HAVE IT!

SLICE
SLICE
AHH!
THUMP

IT'S...OVERWHELMING. IT MAY BE EVEN TOO MUCH FOR YOU.
IT MAY DESTROY US BOTH, TALATSU.
PERHAPS, BUT I SENSE A WEAKNESS.
A WEAKNESS OF WHICH WE MAY TAKE ADVANTAGE.
I WILL FEED, SKURAI!!

LET US WATCH A LITTLE LONGER, MY FRIEND, AND WAIT FOR JUST THE MOMENT.
BOOM
VERY WELL.
SO LONG AS THEY DON'T DISCOVER US BEFOREHAND.

!!
NOW, SERI!! RUN!
HUFF HUFF
BOOM!
WE'VE GOT TO WARN CHAOS!
Heh!

RUN ALONG, CHILDREN. I CAN ALWAYS FIND YOU LATER.
WHY WON'T YOU FIGHT BACK?!
SHOOSH
MAYBE THIS WILL MAKE YOU ACT!!

WHAT'S HAPPENING?!
THUMP
BAM
DAMMIT!! I STILL CAN'T MOVE MY BODY!!
DAMN!
MASTER CHAOS!!
BAMBAM
IT'S SO HORRIBLE!! ALL THE PEOPLE...AND MISTRESS PEONY--!
NURI, SERI!!

YOU LITTLE IDIOT! YOU SHOULDN'T BE HERE!
ヤバ!!
RUN!!
BUT... THE PEOPLE--
ヒィィィ
Hey!!
NEVER MIND THE DETAILS! FIND SOME WAY TO FREE US FROM THIS SPELL! WE CAN'T MOVE!
UH ...
BUT...BUT WE DON'T KNOW MAGIC...
LOOK THROUGH MY BAG! THERE'S A SMALL, RED PILL BOX! FIND IT!
IN HERE?
OOPS!!
HEY! WHAT'S *THIS* DOING HERE? THIS IS A FAMILY HEIRLOOM!!
NEVER MIND THAT YOU BRATS! STICK TO THE SEARCH!!
Grossh!!
OHZZ!!

I DON'T SEE IT. IT'S NOT HERE.
LOOK AGAIN!! A-SMALL-RED-PILL-BOX!!
Mmmpf
BUT, NURI! WHAT WERE YOU CRYING ABOUT BEFORE?!
THEY'RE ALL DEAD. THE PEOPLE, THE ELDERS...
EVEN MISTRESS PEONY!!
!!
KA-BOOM
...!!
WHO DID IT? WHO? WAS IT THE VALKYRIE?
IT WAS A TALL MAN WITH LONG HAIR AND A HORRIBLE SWORD HE KEPT TALKING TO!

THAT'S HIM! RIGHT OVER THERE!
THE VILLAGERS'... AND MY MOTHER'S KILLER!!
I-I'VE HEARD OF HIM!! IT MUST BE SKURAI, THE CURSED PROSECUTOR, WHO ROAMS THE WORLD IN SEARCH OF BLOOD!!
THERE'S SUPPOSED TO BE A GREAT BOUNTY ON HIM. BUT EVERYONE WHO'S TRIED FOR IT HAS BEEN KILLED.
A MAD VALKYRIE IN THE AIR AND A MONSTROUS KILLER ON THE GROUND! IF YOU DON'T FIND THAT PILL BOX, WE'RE DEAD FOR SURE!
HUH?
GUD

!!
FOUND IT!!
LET'S SEE HOW YOU LIKE THIS, OLD MAN.
!!
CRIMSON PYRE!!
BOOOOOOOM
BOOOOOOOM

IRIS!
SWOOSSHH
HAHAHA HAHA!
FWSSHH
FWSSHH
HAHAHA HAHA!!

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IRIS!!
NOOO!!
HAHA. MY, YOU'RE IN SUCH A HURRY! SO CONCERNED...
WHERE WAS SUCH CONCERN FOR MY MOTHER AND I?
WHERE?!

WHY DOES HE CARE SO MUCH FOR HER...OF COURSE!!
IT APPEARS I HAVE A SISTER!!
DAUGHTER! SPEAK TO ME!
THE SWORD'S STILL PROTECTING HER! SHE'S ALIVE!

*HAERYONGDO:

THE SECOND OF THE DIVINE WEAPONS. ABLE TO CUT THROUGH THE HARDEST ROCK, IT IS ALSO KNOWN AS THE SWORD OF RETRIBUTION.

!!
NO MORE!!
SARA!!
AH! SO YOUR BLOOD BOILS AT LAST!
SWOOSSSHH

HOW MUCH EASIER IT WILL MAKE THINGS FOR ME!
HA! SHE DOESN'T NOTICE ME!
SWOOSSSHH
RUN HER THROUGH, SKURAI! NOW!
12 YEARS, I WAITED, FATHER! 12 YEARS--
TO SEE YOU DEAD!!
THRUST

ugh
!!
kahaha!
SEE HOW SHARP IT IS? I'VE HONED MY REVENGE WELL...
...!!
I WOULDN'T WANT YOU TO SUFFER, AFTER ALL.

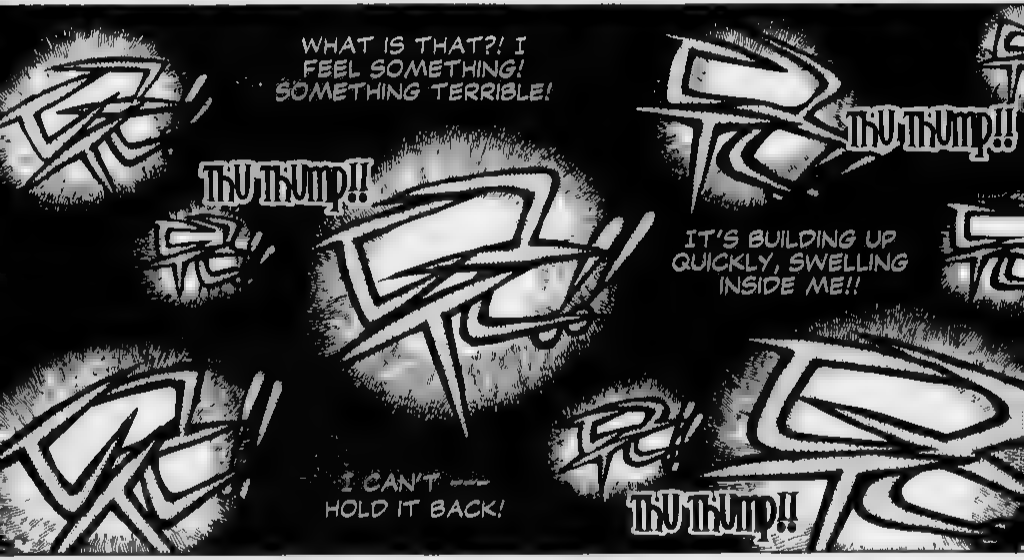
AND SO YOU WON'T BE LONELY, I'LL BE SENDING MY SISTER ALONG AFTER YOU.
GOODBYE--
FATHER!!
SLOOP
OOOO!!
OH!!

ARRGHH!!
?!
I-IT'S IMPOSSIBLE! WHERE COULD SUCH STRENGTH--?
UHHHHH!!
SWISSHH
!!

AHH...
WHOOSH
MMM... UNGH...
!!
NO!!
IRIS!!
THWACK!!
EI!!
UNGH! AAHHH!!
CLUMP
CLUMP

AUGH!!
IRIS!!
THUMP!!
DON'T DIE, IRIS!!
HAHA! SO! TELL US ONE OF YOUR HEROIC TALES!
I STOLE—I MEAN, I FOUND IT! IT'S MINE!!
CHAOS, THANK YOU, FOR ALWAYS LOOKING OUT FOR OUR IRIS.
MASTER CHAOS! TEACH ME—
HE'S MINE! I'M GOING TO MARRY CHAOS!!
WE CAN'T FACE THAT VALKYRIE!!

I CAN'T LET THIS GO ON.
I HAVE TO SAVE THEM! NO MATTER THE COST.


WHAT IS THAT?! I FEEL SOMETHING! SOMETHING TERRIBLE!
THU THUMP!!
IT'S BUILDING UP QUICKLY, SWELLING INSIDE ME!!
I CAN'T — HOLD IT BACK!
THU THUMP!!
THU THUMP!!

UNH... UNH
THUK

SARA...WHAT I DID, WHAT I DO, IT...IT HAD TO BE DONE.
I-I WISH I COULD HAVE EXPLAINED...THE TRUTH ABOUT YOU.
WHAT... WHAT ARE...
SKURAI!! SOMETHING PREVENTS ME FROM DRAINING HIM!
THAT CAN'T BE!!
I...AM... BALDER!!
HE'S SUMMONING!!
Ka Beam
Mmmph

GRASSHK!!
THAT DRAGON!! IT CAN'T BE ---!!
AH! HE HAS SUMMONED THE EATER FROM BENEATH THE TREE... HE HAS SUMMONED NIDHOGG.
KRAAAAAAHH
NIDHOGG, DEVOURER OF THE DEAD...THE EATER BENEATH THE TREE OF LIFE, YGGDRASILL, NIDHOGG IS THE MOST ERRIBLE OF ALL DRAGONS. EVER CHEWING AT THE ROOTS, HE IS THE MORTALITY OF THE WORLD, A SIGN OF ITS COMING DEMISE...

RRRRRR
ROOOOO
rrrgh

BALDER HAS AWOKEN FROM HIS 1000 YEARS SLEEP, HUGIN...
THE END OF ALL HAS BEGUN.
THE DRAGON! IT'S--

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WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT FROM WAY UP THERE?
TEEHEE.
I'VE BEEN WATCHING YOU SINCE YESTERDAY.

THIS IS MY SECRET PLACE. NO ONE COMES HERE BECAUSE THEY SAY IT'S FULL OF EVIL SPIRITS.
WHY ARE YOU WATCHING THE CASTLE?
!
KO
Side
DON'T WORRY.
I HAVEN'T TOLD ANYONE.
TRRRRRR!
Side
Click

I LIVE IN THAT CASTLE. MY FATHER IS LORD THERE, BUT EVEN THOUGH HE'S VERY IMPORTANT, HE ALWAYS MAKES TIME FOR ME.
WELL... UNTIL RECENTLY.
HE'S BEEN VERY BUSY WITH THOSE STRANGERS LATELY
AND SPENDS A LOT OF TIME DOWN IN THE DUNGEONS WITH THEM.
YOU'RE SO QUIET.
I HAVE SOMETHING FOR YOU.
スイスイ!!
TA DA!!
HERE!

IT USED TO BE MY FATHER'S FAVORITE FLOWER, BUT HE DOESN'T WANT IT. YOU CAN HAVE IT IF YOU LIKE.
Take it
.....
Whoosh
NO?
MY LADY? MY LADY?
OH!
MY LADY! THE SUN'S SETTING!
YOU MUST COME BACK!

AH, HERE YOU ARE!
MY LADY, YOU'VE BEEN WARNED ABOUT BEING OUTSIDE THE CASTLE AT NIGHT...
BUT I WAS SAFE! I WAS JUST TALKING TO THAT MAN.
MAN?
Uh...
WHY THERE'S NO ONE HERE BUT US.
UH-UH -- I WONDER WHAT THE COOK'S PREPARED FOR DINNER TODAY?
HURRY! I'M SO HUNGRY!
WELL? I'M WAITING!
.....

...
ARE YOU COMING OR NOT?
YES, YES, MY LADY... I'M COMING!
타닥 타닥 타닥

IS EVERYONE HERE?
SWISH
THUD
THUD
HAJATU & TAULIN REPORTING, SIR. YOU WERE RIGHT. THERE IS DEFINITELY SOMETHING GOING ON.
EVERY TWO WEEKS, A WAGON LOADED WITH 20 TO 30 CHILDREN ENTERS THE CASTLE IN SECRET.
NO ONE OUTSIDE SUSPECTS ANYTHING...

THE CHILDREN ENTER...BUT NOT ONE EVER LEAVES...
THIS HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR A YEAR.
IT'S RUMORED SOME CEREMONY TAKES PLACE IN THE DUNGEONS EACH FULL MOON...
THEY HAVE MORE THAN DOUBLED THE GUARD AND ALL ENTRANCES HAVE BEEN SECURED.
WE CAN ONLY ASSUME THAT TONIGHT WILL BE THE NIGHT.

THERE IS SOMETHING ELSE. A PRESENCE NEAR THE CASTLE'S LORD.

FROM WHAT I SENSE...IT IS NOT HUMAN.

THAT'S ENOUGH.

WE MOVE.
SWOOSH

I SHALL SUMMON THE OTHERS.
ASSASSIN OF THE SHADOWS
THE SPIDER
THE BLOOD ROSE

MUSTAFA, THE DEAD ONE
IBRAHAM, HE WHO HUNGERS
DO YOU HEAR THEM?
WE ARE ALREADY HERE, LOKI.
THE VERY WALLS ECHO THEIR SCREAMS, AND DEMAND REVENGE.
THEY ARE ASSASSINS ALL, THE GREATEST OF THE GUILD, NEUTRAL IN POLITICS AND LIFE. YET THEY ALSO SEE IN THEMSELVES A FORCE PRESERVING THE BALANCE, KEEPING THE WORLD FROM SLIPPING ONE WAY OR ANOTHER. BUT THERE ARE LIMITS TO ANY NEUTRALITY, AND TONIGHT THAT LIMIT HAS BEEN REACHED.
HAK'EN: MARK OF THE ASSASSIN'S GUILD
GUILLOTINE CROSS: THE ASSASSIN'S SYMBOL OF POWER

SWOOSH!!
ZOOMMM
SWISSHH

WHOOSH
WHAT A WINDY NIGHT!
NICE BRIGHT MOON, THOUGH.
ANYONE COMES NEAR, WE'LL SEE'EM.
AHEM!
ANYONE EVER TELL YOU ABOUT THE PENALTY FOR TALKING AT YOUR POST? HMM?

WHY DOES HE DOUBLE THE NUMBER OF GUARDS DURING EVERY FULL MOON?
POW
STUPID FOOL!
HE SAID WE'D BE GOING BACK TO NORMAL SOON, BUT IT'S BEEN A YEAR!
STOP THAT!
HEY!
grab!
타닥타닥
grace
SIR, WHY IS IT SO RED? WHERE I COME FROM, IT NEVER LOOKS LIKE THAT!
AND THE MOON... IT'S PARTICULARLY RED TONIGHT.

YOU MEAN NO ONE'S TOLD YOU THE LEGEND AROUND HERE?
HUH?
CAN I ASSUME YOU AT LEAST KNOW ABOUT THE WAR OF THE GODS?
AAH, YES, SIR! 1000 YEARS AGO, FIRE DEMONS SOUGHT TO DESTROY MIDGARD! THEY LOST!
AYE, BUT 400 YEARS LATER, SURT, THEIR MASTER, RAISED A NEW LEGION, AND SENT THEM TO BURN AWAY THE WORLD!
IT LOOKED LIKE NO ONE COULD STOP THEM, UNTIL A LONE WARRIOR FACED THE FIERY GIANT.

PUNY MORTAL, WHAT CHANCE HAVE YOU? I AM SURT, LORD OF MUSPELL! YOU ARE...NOTHING!
MY NAME IS TANAT. AND I AM FAR FROM NOTHING.
AS YOU SHALL SEE!!

TANAT AND SURT FOUGHT FOR 10 DAYS AND NIGHTS, SPLITTING THE HEAVENS AND EARTH.
AT THE VERY LAST...
THEN...THEN THAT SHRINE IS...
YES, THE CASTLE SITS ON THE SITE OF THE ORIGINAL SHRINE.
UNDERSTAND NOW?
ERR... I HAD NO IDEA.
TANAT DEFEATED THE FIRE LORD, FORCING HIM BACK TO MUSPELL.
HE SEALED THE WAY BY WHICH SURT HAD COME, CREATING A SHRINE TO PROTECT IT.

NO ONE KNOWS WHY, BUT FROM THAT POINT ON, THE MOON OVER THIS AREA HAS ALWAYS REMAINED RED.
SOME SAY IT'S BECAUSE SURT STILL SEEKS THE WAY BACK HERE.
OF COURSE, THERE ARE OTHER LOCAL LEGENDS THAT TRY TO EXPLAIN THE RED MOON...
THAT SMOKE... IT'S STARTED AGAIN... SIR, WHAT GOES ON IN THERE EVERY FULL MOON?
スリ!
HMM..
IT'S NONE OF OUR BUSINESS. WE HAVE OUR ORDERS.

OKAY!! ENOUGH USELESS TALK! BACK TO YOUR POST!
HMM...
NO...
ドン!!
GASP!!
I'LL BE IN MY QUARTERS.
SIR!!
WHAT?
WELL? WHAT'S THE TROUBLE NOW!

I-IN--
IN-VADERS!!
KA
$$$$$
KA-BOOM!!
HIYAA!!

WHO DARES--
THAT MARK-- ASSASSINS!
HOW VERY PERCEPTIVE OF YOU!
TOO BAD THAT KNOWLEDGE WON'T SAVE YOU.
WHAT IN--?!

ALERT!! ASSASSINS!! ASSASSINS!!
WE'RE UNDER ATTACK!!
THERE. THAT'S BETTER. HEEHEE HEE!
CRUNCH!!!
YOU TALK TOO MUCH.

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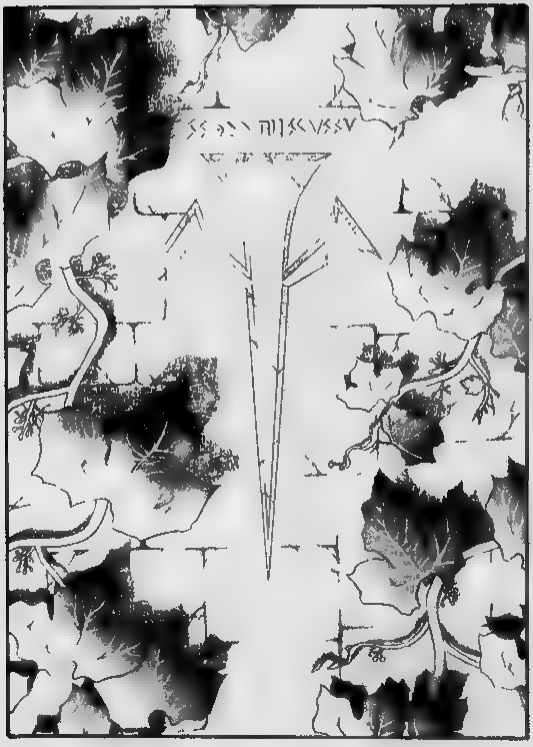

SPLAT!
SWIFT
YOU FOOL!! YOU SHOULD HAVE KILLED HIM QUICKER. NOW THEY KNOW WE'RE HERE!!
OH, DEAR...

THAT'S WHY I DIDN'T WANT TO BE TEAMED WITH YOU!!
JOCK
YOU LIKE TAKING TOO MANY RISKS!!
DOES IT MATTER? 10, 20 GUARDS...
THERE THEY ARE
...THEY ALL HAVE TO DIE, ANYWAY! HAHAHA!

FWOOOSSSHH
AAUGGHH
slice
slice
slice

KA-BOK
THRUST
CALL FOR REINFORCEMENTS! QUICK!
TZING
GOOD GODS! WHAT IS THAT THING?

AAACK!
PAUL
slash

SEE NOW, TAULIN? ISN'T IT MUCH MORE INTERESTING WITH GREATER NUMBERS?
AHHHH!
SWOOSH
YOU'RE MAD.
CRUNCH
HAHAHAHA! KILLJOY!
HURRY UP!
SOUNDS LIKE A BLOODY WAR OUT THERE!
CRUNK
CRUNK

FAN OUT! COVER EVERYWHERE!
UP THERE! BY THE NORTH CASTLE WALL!!
SWOOSH
HELLO...

Kapow
SWISH
WHAT THE HEL? SOMETHING'S FALLING!
THUD
THUD
THUD
WHAT WERE THOSE?
WHY WORRY?
HUH? THEY'RE MOVING!
THUMP
THEY... THEY LOOK ALIVE!

HOOO

AAAH
HHH!!
YAAAH!

SHOOP
SWIM
SHWOOP
SHWOOP
SHWOOP

HMM...
AAACK!!
AAAHAHAHA! WHAT FUN!
DAMN YOU, IBRAHAM. WE WANTED STEALTH.

LOKI, IBRAHAM IS OUT OF CONTROL.
TRUE, THAT DOES GENERALLY SERVE US WELL....

...BUT THIS IS A PLACE OF DEMONS. WE MUST BE WARY.
TOO LATE FOR THAT, MUSTAFA.
SSSSS

THEY'VE ALREADY BEGUN TO OPEN THE WAY FOR SURT.

THAT MUST BE STOPPED.
BUT BEFORE WE CAN EVEN DO THAT, THERE'S ONE OTHER PROBLEM.
WE HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF OUR NEW FRIENDS HERE.
KI-OOOO...
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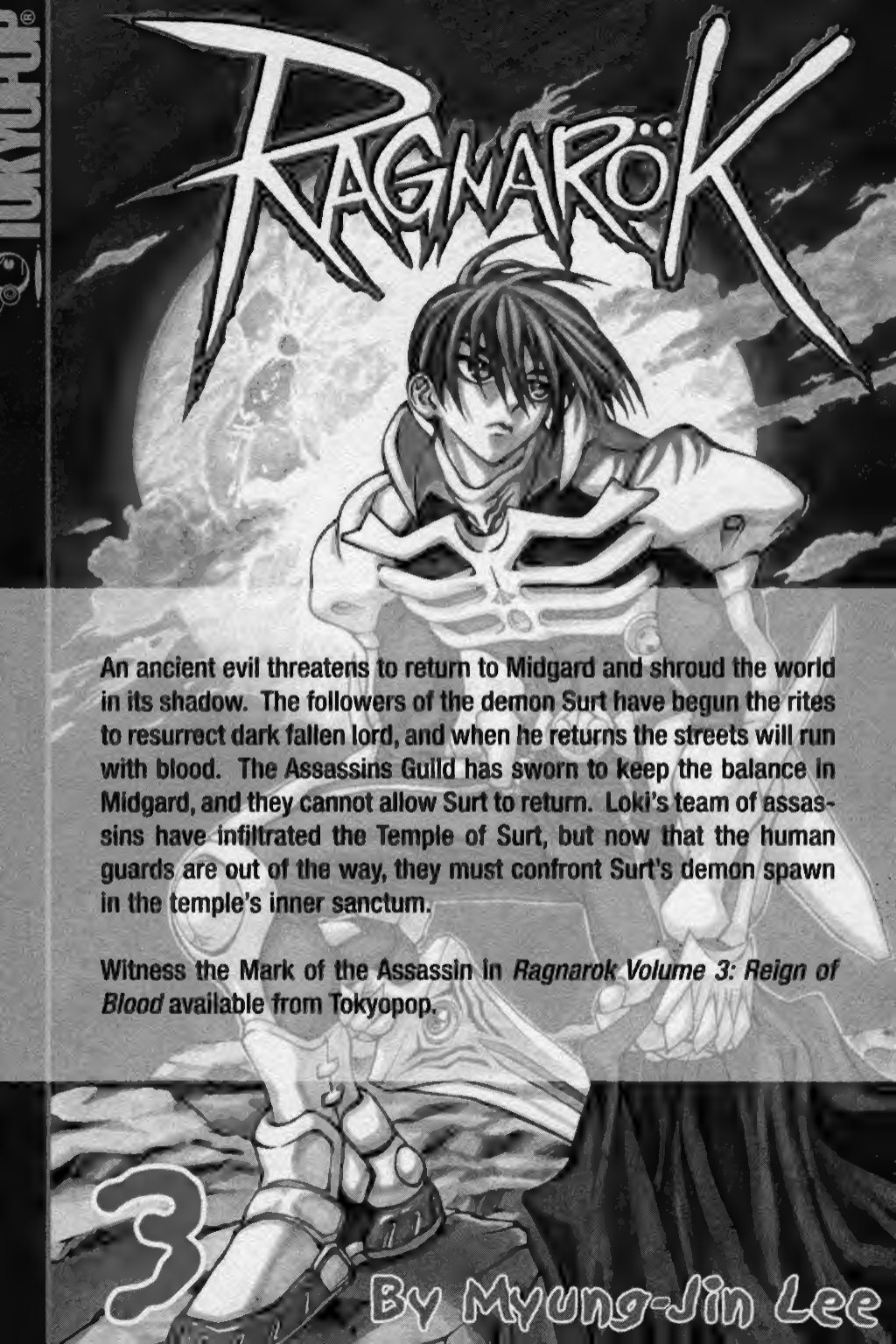
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